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### TUCUMCARI TRADES DAY

**We Never Pass Up a Good Thing, but  
Get Right Down to Business, Just  
Watch Our Smoke**

One of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held in the city of Tucumcari took place at the Chamber of Commerce Friday evening, September 13.

A great and mighty crowd of Tucumcari boosters, men in all walks of life, gathered from all parts of the city in response to a call made by Secretary Mahon to consider the important proposition of establishing a permanent monthly Tucumcari Trades Day.

Promptly at 8 o'clock President J. M. Stark made his appearance, but on account of such tremendous and unusual enthusiasm, it was with much difficulty and several valuable minutes of lost time before the chairman could gain a reasonable control over the vast audience, this being partly accomplished, the meeting was finally called to order.

The proposition of establishing a certain day in each month, to be designated as a monthly trading day, was presented for discussion, and only the keenly and unselfish interest manifested by this magnificent multitude of Tucumcari's public spirited citizens.

In due time, after repeated efforts on the part of the president to restore order, for excitement ran high, a motion was placed before the house to set apart and designate the second Monday in each and every month, as the great Tucumcari Trades Day.

This motion also contained the suggestion that all the Tucumcari Merchants and business men arrange for this day, special bargains on their wares and merchandise including house rents, electric lights, insurance, livery rigs, shaves and hair cuts, marriage fees, eatables, drinkables and newspapers as an attractive inducement for the people to spend money, thereby boosting for the Tucumcari Trades Day.

The president was about to ask if the great body of public spirited and aggressive Tucumcari citizens were ready for the question, when he realized his predicament in regard to the problem of counting the many, many uplifted hands, should they vote, as he expected, in the affirmative, however this problem was solved, like all other Commercial Club problems, by appointing a committee. This Committee calmly controlled this vast sea of humanity, while the votes of these noble heroes were being counted.

Suddenly a death-like hush came over the anxious crowd—it was a solemn space of time—and then another change—enthusiasm burst forth afresh. Hurrah! Hurrah! the votes are counted, the verdict rendered, carried! carried! by a unanimous vote!

The secretary was instructed to make a careful record of all that transpired that evening, as this is one of the notable events that will assist greatly in making Tucumcari history.

The meeting then adjourned, but before doing so every loyal citizen present cheerfully paid the secretary six months dues in advance.

### SCHOOL REPORT SHOWS TUCUMCARI IS STEADILY GROWING

While each citizen who is observant can readily notice the steady and healthy growth of Tucumcari, there are certain lines of activities that speak out boldly upon the subject. Perhaps none of these are more emphatic than the figures in the business of our banks and in the public schools. About sixty days ago the First National Bank of Tucumcari announced that it had reached the high water mark for deposits, in its history, showing that as a city we were not only able to meet our obligations, but that we had money stored away for the future. The report of the public schools for the first month, when compared with the reports of the first month of the last two years, not only shows that our schools are at the crest of the wave of attendance, but that increased enrollment of 138, and in the average daily attendance of 168.2, both in the last two years has been both rapid and gradual. The following record speaks for itself in a manner more forcible than any special advertising matter can do for the city.

#### Different Persons Enrolled

First Month, 1910-1911	526
First Month, 1911-1912	651
First Month, 1912-1913	684
<b>Average Daily Attendance</b>	
First Month 1910-1911	458.8
First Month 1911-1912	558.9
First Month 1912-1913	627

### SATURDAY MORNING'S WRECK

There was a wreck last Saturday morning on the main line of the Rock Island, two miles east of town, in which nineteen cars were not only derailed, but were thrown into one mass, leaving each end of the train intact. Fortunately no one was injured. There were no trainmen on that section at the time. Two men who were hobnobbing were on, and were thrown to one side, one lighting head first into a bear grass and was scratched up in the face a little, but unharmed.

The space of some half dozen cars was a conglomeration of wheat, auto, trunks, flour, stoves, in fact a Duke's mixture, there being nine cars of wheat.

The cars were derailed by means of a journal breaking as they were coming down grade.

Hundreds of our citizens visited the scene, many taking lodgings with them and getting views from different points. Through the kindness of a friend we drove out and viewed the wreck which was the greatest mix-up we have witnessed.

Fortunately the car load of autos were not damaged.

### INJURED BY BULL

Mr. Thomas, proprietor of the Adams House, had a narrow escape from being gored to death by a perfectly gentle Durham bull, said to be the property of Lewis Bayes.

Mr. Thomas had walked by the bull, which was standing still, in a lot two miles east of town, apparently in a penitential frame of mind, but when Mr. Thomas' back was turned to him, he ran at him, striking him in the small of the back, and soon had him unconscious. Mr. Thomas was injured internally, but is now up and thinks the worst is over. Beware of such beasts, it matter not how gentle.

### JOHN WANK SHOT

The first of the week there was a shooting out from San Jon, in which John Wank, of near Grady, was injured by being shot in the hip by a 44-caliber revolver.

It is reported that Mr. Wank for some time had a inflammation that some one was going to do him bodily harm, and had armed himself with an automatic revolver, and meeting Mr. Sharp, a neighbor, proceeded to fire at him, shooting it is said, five times. Mr. Sharp decided to stop him and he did.

Mr. Wank is at the Tucumcari Hospital and seems to be recovering nicely at present.

### HORNSBY KEETER

Miss Capitola Hornsby, one of Montana's fairest belles, was quietly married to Mr. Clinton Keeter, of Montana, on train No. 33 last Sunday morning, by Judge Cutlip, who was present for the occasion. The happy young couple stole a march on their friends and alighted from the train at Santa Rosa, returning later, when congratulations were showered upon them in profusion.

The bride is the daughter of T. M. Hornsby; the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Keeter, of Montana, and is well known in Tucumcari. Mr. Keeter having fired from this point for the E. P. & S. W. at different times.

Best wishes us to future happiness.

### WILLIAMS-JOHNSON

Married—At the residence of Mrs. Hanna, Miss Mae Williams to Mr. Arla Johnson, this afternoon at 4 o'clock, by Elder A. P. Stone.

They are both connected with the Grier Cafe, and quietly married, trying to steal a march on their young friends here, but the News is a little too nosy and found it out and now gives it away.

They have a host of friends, more especially among the railroad boys, all of whom join in best wishes o'er life's matrimonial sea.

### GOOD SHOW ALL NEXT WEEK

Murphy's Comedians will be at the Evans Opera House all next week, commencing Monday, September 23. These people carry a brass band and orchestra, have a good show, specialties between acts and from the stops they have been making proves them O. K. They were at Pratt, Kansas for two weeks, at Greenburg two weeks, at Bucklin and Meade for one week each, and they have a strictly first-class entertainment. The famous musical Wilsons—none better. The most gorgeous costumes ever seen in Tucumcari. Don't miss it.

### P. O. BOX RENT DUE

Don't overlook the fact that box rent is due. All unpaid boxes will be vacated October 1.

### "THE SCUM OF THE EARTH"



### THE PRESIDENT SIGNED MOST WILLINGLY

The industrious circulation of the falsehood that President Taft threatened a veto of the Salloway bill was one of the chief plays of his opponents and worked some injury to his popularity as his adversaries had planned. That there was no truth in this every sensible representative and other public man could have known if he cared to inquire. "Yet it was a good enough Morgan till after the nomination."

Now these same men are with equal industry and untruth circulating the report that President Taft signed the act of May 11 most unwillingly and was only coerced into it at the last moment. Nothing could be more untrue.

There had been an overwhelming popular demand for additional pension legislation. The people were most earnest in their wish that the veterans who had saved the nation should be properly cared for during the years that remained to them. The national encyclopedia of the Grand Army of the Republic had asked for such legislation. The fact of the endorsement of the Salloway bill by the legislature of sixteen states was an astonishing development of depth and width.

Could any president be expected to disregard a manifestation of such feeling on the subject of the veteran? Certainly not William H. Taft, whose great heart always appreciated the service of the veterans and who has ever been promptly responsive to the popular will.

No one doubted at the beginning of congress that the president would intend to approve a pension bill. This knowledge had to be used to the disadvantage of the president. The presidential campaign was coming. The president and the senate in a hole on the pension question. The president did not allow until within a few days of the passage of the act of May 11. This required the greatest circumspection on the part of the president and his friends. But as soon as the act of May 11 began to take shape, the president would sign the bill which would be finally formulated.

At the invitation of senators I was a constant visitor to the capitol while the bill was going through its various stages. I was also made a means of communication with the members of the invalid pensions committee of the house. With me went most frequently Past Commander in Chief John R. King, less frequently Past Commander Slaybaugh of Potomac, Commander E. S. Godfrey, Arizona; Commander Granville C. Flako, Massachusetts; Commander N. H. Kingman, South Dakota; Commander N. P. Kingsley, Pennsylvania, and other prominent comrades who happened to be in the city and whom the senators wanted to see and counsel with.

We met Senators Crane, McPherson, Curtis, Smoot, Burnham and others of the president's closest friends and advisers. They were confident in their assurances that the president would sign the bill. The comrades named felt no doubt of the result at least two months before the bill was signed.

As we all know, President Taft put himself to great personal inconvenience in order to sign the bill and let it be in at once its beneficence to the veterans. The bill was not ready for his signature when he left for Princeton, N. J. He made the journey back to Washington, expressly to sign the bill. He reached the White House a little before 11 p. m., Saturday, May 11, affixed his signature seven minutes before midnight and had to leave Washington again the next day. Of these facts I was personally cognizant, as I was present when the bill was signed.

I fully concur in the foregoing. There is absolutely no truth in the statement that the president was opposed to any pension bill. On the contrary, we were assured, as stated above, that he would give his approval to the bill when finally passed, which was evidenced by his hasty return to Washington for the purpose.

JOHN R. KING.  
—From the National Tribune.

### AMARILLO SUNDAY

Amarillo has as fast a team as ever and last year—Gettler, Woody, Munmy, Duddy Cook and Dick Lewis, who will be remembered as with them last season are with them again this season.

Our boys are determined to win and as this will be the strongest team they have met this season a good game is assured.

A large delegation of fans will accompany the Amarillo bunch and we want every one to come out and pull for our boys. For more let the devil chorus be silent and show the boys you appreciate their efforts.

### TROOPS TO THE BORDER

Saturday night and Sunday the cavalry of Fort Riley, Kansas passed through here in four sections bound for El Paso, and will likely be stationed along the border.

There were 975 men, a band of twenty-eight members, and forty wagons. The boys do not know the object of this movement, but realize that "Every Little Movement Has a Meaning All Its Own," and are only anxious for an opportunity.

Read the News, the live wire paper

### TRIP TO SWEEDEN

Andy Vedeen, a native of Sweden, who is employed at the E. P. & S. W. shops here, has returned from a trip home to visit his parents, and former associates.

He reports a delightful time and enjoyed the trip from start to finish and while there purchased several handsome modish pipes for friends here, Gus Giese being among them.

Mr. Vedeen left here May 22nd and returned Sept. 28.

### FATS AND LEANS THURSDAY

On Thursday next the fats and leans will play ball at the new park and this will be the game of your life and you can afford to miss it. Watch for the grand parade—worth \$5.00 of anybody's money. Come early in order to obtain a seat.

This is where the "grand stand plays" will be made good and proper. The ball will be labeled so we will know it.

### BALL GAME SUNDAY

Amarillo and Tucumcari cross bats Sunday next. Don't miss it. This will be a great game and no mistake.

### HERBERT W. CLARK

#### IS STATE CHAIRMAN

Albuquerque, Sept. 17.—Herbert W. Clark of Las Vegas, for some time past secretary of the republican state central committee, has been elected state chairman, succeeding Venecio Jaramillo, of Rio Arriba county. Mr. Clark's selection came as a distinct surprise, since it was practically conceded on all sides that Gregory Page, of Gallup, would get the job. When the state committee voted on the chairmanship, Mr. Clark was unanimously elected.

The new chairman is a lawyer and one of the best known of the young men in public life in New Mexico. It is said his selection was made after consultation by long distance telephone with Nathan Jaffa, of Roswell, the republican nominee for congress. In fact, it is believed it was Mr. Jaffa's personal wish that Mr. Clark be given the chairmanship, which carries with it the direction of this party's campaign, which is to start immediately.

Everywhere among republicans the election of Mr. Clark met with approval and the leaders, the old guard members, think that they have made a wise move, since the figure that Clark who is young, aggressive, a good organizer and a hard worker, will succeed in winning back a number of the young progressives, at least, who have opposed the old order of things, and the corraling of all political jobs, remunerative and honorary by those of the party known as the war horses.

### JAFFA WILL SECURE

#### DEMOCRATIC VOTES

Albuquerque, Sept. 17.—Nathan Jaffa nominated by the republican state convention as candidate for congress will poll a heavy democratic vote in the Pecos valley district, according to Otto Baumer of Roswell, a fire insurance man of that city and delegate to the republican gathering.

As a business man and citizen Mr. Jaffa will poll a heavy vote in eastern New Mexico regardless the politics of the voter," declared Mr. Baumer. "Mr. Jaffa was once elected a county commissioner of Chavez county, only two other republicans ever having been elected to office in that county. He is equally well known in Eddy county and will come out in the valley with a big vote."

Mr. Baumer corroborates the oft-repeated report that the crop season and the grazing season, with copious rains, has proved the best for many years in the southeastern part of the state. "The range is in better shape than it has been for ten years," he said, "and the stock interests are correspondingly prosperous."

Mr. Baumer says that Roswell is preparing to install a system of ornamental street lights similar to those used here. He is warmly enthusiastic over the appearance of Albuquerque. "The change in things here in the past four years has been simply marvelous," he said.

### A THEATRICAL TREAT

Tucumcari theatre goers, and that means nearly all of us, have had quite a treat this week in the John E. Frank Co., which has been at the Evans Opera House all week, and play tonight and Saturday night. It is far above the average and is a clean, reserved entertainment.

Fun? Well, I guess yes. You forget your troubles in the constant uprising of laughable side-splitting surroundings. To say nothing of the vaudeville acts between. The members of the company being ladies and gentlemen of culture and refinement, indulging in no vulgarity whatever, but strictly a first-class entertainment, uplifting and they have the ability to put the show on in a creditable manner, and all are loud in their praise of them.

We hope they will visit our town again.

### PASSED AWAY

On Saturday morning, September 14, 1912, at 1:30 o'clock, Mrs. Delia T. Wells, died in her rooms in the Hancock building on Main street, after a protracted illness.

Deceased was 52 years of age. The remains were shipped to Kansas City, Mo., her son, H. P. Wells and family accompanying the same.

### EXCELLENT PRODUCTS

J. B. Perdue brought us some fine samples of his crop this week, which was grown on his fine farm six miles east of town, consisting of Jerusalem corn, Indian corn, maize and kafir corn and cane. It is now on display in the front window of the News Office.

He has tried four crops here, and this is the best yet, and quite good enough.

### GOOD ROAD BOND ISSUE

**Five Hundred Thousand Dollar Four  
Per Cent Twenty Year Bond  
Issue to Be Voted on  
in November**

Owing to the fact that the proposed Good Roads Bond Issue will be a leading feature and the \$500,000 bond issue to be considered and voted upon in next November election, the feature being 20 year bonds at 4 per cent.

Senator Aldrich, who well posted on same, has contributed the following information.

The past legislature passed four laws in regard to good roads.

First: "An Act Relating to Public Highways and Bridges."

Second: "An Act Providing for Issuance of Bonds by Various Counties in the State of New Mexico for the purpose of Constructing and Repairing Roads and Bridges."

Third: "An Act to provide for State License on Automobiles."

Fourth: "An Act providing for the issuance of Bonds by the State of New Mexico for the purpose of Constructing and Maintaining a System of State Highways."

And in addition to the above road laws there is an Act passed by the Legislature in 1909, in Chapter 42, creating a Road Commission and a tax of one mill on the dollar for the constructing and maintaining of roads.

The first of the above laws give the State Road Commission new power and duties.

The second gives the various counties the power as well as the privilege to vote of people when they deem it necessary to issue bonds for the construction of Roads and Bridges under the supervision of the County Commissioners.

The Third creates a license of \$10.00 upon every automobile in the state which, in all probabilities, would create a revenue of some \$20,000 per year.

The Fourth is the only law passed by the legislature that is referred back to the people for their approval or disapproval at the coming election.

This one is whether or not the people want the State to issue \$500,000 worth of bonds at 4 per cent payable in 20 or 30 years.

An explanation of this law needs more explanation than the others as every voter will want to know something about it, so that he can cast his vote intelligently.

In the first place each will want to know how and where this \$500,000 will be spent and who will get the benefit if the bond issue is voted upon favorably by the people.

It there is a \$999,000 taxable property in Quay county and the total taxable property of the state is \$90,000,000 then Quay county would pay 1-20 of the taxes of the State and her share of the \$500,000 would be \$25,000 to be spent in Quay county for good roads under the direction and supervision of three Road Commissioners to be appointed by the Governor, not more than two of which shall be of the same political party and residents of the county, and receive no compensation for their work.

The license on automobiles and the one mill levy under laws of 1909, is not only supposed to pay the interest on the \$500,000 bond issue, but to create a sinking fund that would pay the debt at the end of time the bonds were made payable.

In the past the towns along the Santa Fe R. R. have had the benefit of practically all the money available for public roads and bridges and the eastern and western part of the state have had to bear their part of the burden and received no benefit in proportion to their burden of taxation.

Under the new order each county will get of her proportion that she is entitled according to her amount of taxes as returned by the County Assessor to be spent in each individual county.

The subject of good roads have almost become a fad and a hobby, but there is much to be said in favor of good roads when the people that pay the taxes get the immediate use of the roads themselves and not pay the penalty and others reap the pleasure, as has been the custom in the past in this state.

And should the \$500,000 bond issue be voted down the one mill levy as well as the license on automobiles will still be collected and that money, as in the past, will go to make roads that people in Quay County will not receive scarcely any benefit, judging the future by the past.